

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2058
ANSWERED ON:14.12.2004
BIFURCATION OF NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SC/ST
Verma Shri Bhanu Pratap Singh

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the old National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes has been bifurcated into two Commissions, one for the Scheduled Castes and another for Scheduled Tribes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Chairman of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes has been given the Cabinet Status but the Chairman of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes has not been given the Cabinet status for the last 9 months; and
- (d) if so, the reasons for delay?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT)

- (a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The erstwhile National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes has been bifurcated into two Commissions, namely, the National Commission for Scheduled Castes constituted under article 338 and National Commission for Scheduled Tribes constituted under article 338(a) of the Constitution
- (c) & (d): The proposal for conferring the status of Cabinet Minister and Minister of State, respectively, on the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes had been sent by the concerned administrative Ministry with the approval of the Minister in-charge in the previous Government. The concerned administrative Ministry was requested to obtain and communicate to the Ministry of Home Affairs approval of the Minister in-charge of the new Government, which has been conveyed to the Ministry of Home Affairs on 9th December, 2004.